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## **VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

David Butler, Esquire Chief Hearing Officer Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Request to be Excused from Evidentiary Hearing – Docket 2021-1-E - Annual

Review of Base Rates for Fuel Costs of Duke Energy Progress, LLC (For Potential Increase or Decrease in Fuel Adjustment or Gas Adjustment)

Dear Mr. Butler:

I currently serve as Counsel for Nucor Steel – South Carolina, and Mike Lavanga has been admitted pro hac vice for Nucor Steel – South Carolina. Pursuant to Rule 404(i) of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules, I respectfully request to be excused for the hearing referenced above due to a military obligation (Annual Training). Mr. Lavanga will attend the entire hearing.

I greatly appreciate your time and consideration of my request. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Robert R. Smith, II

Counsel for Nucor Steel - South Carolina

cc: All parties of Record in Docket 2021-1-E (via Email and First-Class Mail)